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SUBJECT: TRIAL OF TWO SWAPO DETAINEES POSTPONED ONE WEEK

REF: PRETORIA 2406

1. AT REQUEST OF DEFENSE COUNSEL, TRIAL OF SWAPO YOUTH LEAGUE OFFICE-BEARERS EZRIEL TAAPOPI AND JOSEPH (NOT DAVID AS REPORTED REFTEL) KASHEA WAS POSTPONED UNTIL JUNE 17. DEFENSE ADVOCATE DAVID SOGGOT BASED REQUEST ON FACT THAT ONE OF ACCUSED, TAAPOPI, HAD BEEN IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT FROM TIME OF HIS DETENTION IN FEBRUARY UNTIL MAY 24 AND SINCE THEN WAS KEPT IN VIRTUAL ISOLATION UNTIL HE APPEARED IN COURT TODAY (JUNE 10). AS RESULT, TAAPOPI "SUFFERS FROM HALLUCINATIONS AND IS CONFUSED," ACCORDING SOGGOT.

2. SOGGOT ALSO POINTED OUT THAT HE HAD ONLY SEEN CHARGE SHEET LATE LAST WEEK. WHEN TAAPOPI AND KASHEA WERE ARRAIGNED MAY 24, THEY WERE REPRESENTED BY STERN AND BARNARD LAW FIRM. HOWEVER, FIRM OF VAN BILJON AND KIE TOOK OVER CASE
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MAY 30. (FYI: THIS DONE ON INSTRUCTIONS OF WASHINGTON-

BASED LAWYERS' COMMITTEE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS. END FYI)
ADVOCATE SOGGOT NOT INSTRUCTED UNTIL JUNE 3 AND DEFENSE
ATTORNEY'S REQUEST FOR EXTRA PARTICULARS WAS NOT MET UNTIL
TODAY. ON BASIS FOREGOING, SOGGOT ASKED SWA SUPREME COURT
PRESIDING JUDGE, JUSTICE F.H. BADENHORST, FOR TWO-WEEK
POSTPONEMENT. PROSECUTION OBJECTED BUT, WHEN LEGAL SPARRING
ENDED, BADENHORST AGREED TO ONE-WEEK POSTPONEMENT.

3. PROSECUTION CASE BASED ON LETTER ALLEDGEDLY SIGNED BY
TAAPOPI AND KASHEA AND SENT TO SWAPO PRESIDENT SAM NUJOMA.
IN LETTER THEY SAID TIME HAD COME FOR SWAPO LIBERATION ARMY
TO FIGHT. ON BASIS OF THIS THEY ARE CHARGED WITH ATTEMPTING
TO "INCITE, COMMAND OR PROCURE" NUJOMA AND " THE OUTSIDE
WING OF SWAPO" TO COMMIT CRIMES OF "MURDER, PUBLIC VIOLENCE
AND MALICIOUS DAMAGE OF PROPERTY."

4. POLCOUNSELOR AND EMBASSY ECONOFFICER BAKER ATTENDED TODAY'S
HEARING. LOCAL OBSERVERS COMMENTED THAT THEY HAD NEVER SEEN
SO MANY UNIFORMED POLICEMEN, WHO WERE IN AND AROUND SUPREME
COURT BUILDING, IN ATTENDANCE AT A TRIAL IN WINDHOEK.

5. BENJAMIN NAMALAMBO, ONE OF SWAPO MEMBERS WHO ARRESTED IN
FEBRUARY AND HELD SINCE THEN WITH AT LEAST NINE OTHERS UNDER
TERRORISM ACT, WAS RELEASED BY SECURITY POLICE JUNE 6. POLICE
HAVE REFUSED TO COMMENT ON WHAT LIES AHEAD FOR SWAPO NATIONAL
CHAIRMAN DAVID MERORO AND OTHERS STILL INDETENTION.
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